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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

INFLATION DILEMMA

Union members are taking the brunt of inflation both ways. They're paying higher prices without getting big enough wage raises to make up the difference. And their unions are getting kicked around by both the federal government and the press for whatever wage raises they do win.

Labor has correctly pointed the finger at rising corporation profits, management salaries and dividends as the biggest cause of current inflation.

Meanwhile, we've seen very few working people spending like wildfire. The reason is simple: They just ain't got it. Most of us are slowly losing ground in our race with the bill collector and profit-swelled higher prices.

POLITICS & EDUCATION

Once upon a time, the U.S. Office of Education was a never-never land, remote from the exciting arena of big politics.

But U.S. Commissioner of Education Francis Keppel changed all that. He was instrumental in getting President Johnson's precedent-shattering aid to education bills through Congress.

As a result, the Office of Education became the target of big politicians:

- Like Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago and Senate GOP Leader Everett McKinley Dirksen, who fumed at the cutoff of \$30 million in federal aid to Chicago schools because of de facto segregation.

- Like Harlem's Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, who complained that not enough of those in key Office of Education posts were Negroes.

- Or even Oregon's Congresswoman Edith Green, a lesser wheel, who objected to the small number of women appointees in the Office of Education.

At any rate, Keppel was first kicked upstairs to a job as assistant secretary of health, education and welfare. Now he has submitted his resignation, reportedly to enter private industry.

It appears that if you enforce the law to combat discrimination in education, you get kicked by the big city bosses.

But this doesn't protect you from the wrath of minority groups—representing other races or sexes—who want to pressure you into appointing more of your members, sometimes regardless of merit.

With apologies to Teddy Roosevelt, the moral of this story seems to be: Speak softly, but don't carry a big stick.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Dental Technicians ask help from rest of labor

Unionists help in boy's club construction

Labor played a major role in construction of the new Hayward Boys Club, dedicated Sunday, the Building Trades Council was told this week.

Business Representative Leroy Barstow of Hayward Painters 1178 reported that the structure — built largely with donated labor and materials — is worth about \$250,000.

The role union members played in giving their labor to help build the club was recognized during ceremonies, attended by several union representatives.

But Barstow said about \$11,000 still must be collected to open the club. He said this represents part of the first year's cost of operation.

Building Trades Council President Paul Jones told delegates that nearly every construction union in the area helped with the club. He added that several business representatives are serving on the club's board of directors and committees.

CHILDERS RETURNS

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers attended his first meeting since suffering a heart attack Feb. 4.

Thanking unionists for their kindness during his illness, Childers said his doctor has ordered him to spend only two hours a day on the job at first. He added he was already finding it difficult to restrict his activities because of the volume of business to be handled.

BTC AGREEMENTS

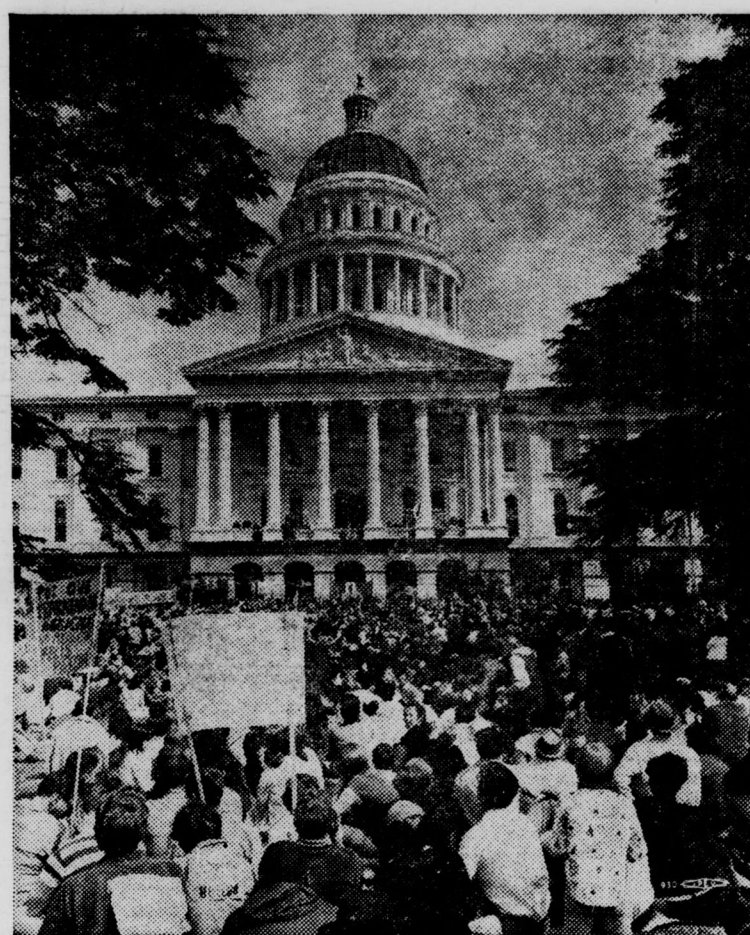
Secretary-Treasurer John A. Davy reported that new Building Trades Council agreements had been signed by: Altamont Speedway, A&R Construction, Bay Area Concretes, Inc., Coast Roofing, Diamond Roofing Co., Y. Y. Domrose & Sons, Meyers-Peters Co., MJB Corp., Model Roofing Co., F. Rubino & Gullickson, Close Building Materials, Inc., and Syl's Plastering Co.

NEW DELEGATE

Vernon Haynes of Hayward Painters 1178 was seated as a delegate to the council.

Hogan to speak

Pat Hogan, Eighth District representative for the Carpenters, will address members of Local 1622 at their May 6 meeting, according to Luther Curry, president. The meeting, to start at 8 p.m., is a special called one for nominations for treasurer and convention delegates. Details are on page 5.



MORE THAN 8,000 supporters of striking grape workers gathered in front of the State Capitol in Sacramento Easter Sunday to demonstrate their determination to achieve fair wages and union recognition for the AFLCIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee and the National Farm Workers Association. The rally climaxed a 300 mile march up the San Joaquin Valley by a group of strikers from the Delano area.

Meeting for unions with prepaid plans

Unions with prepaid dental plan will be asked to send representatives to a meeting to be called by the Central Labor Council in the near future.

They will be asked to try to obtain contract clauses requiring all work be sent to union dental laboratories, according to Richard K. Groulx, executive assistant secretary of the council.

The Labor Council is helping Dental Technicians 99 in a current organizing drive. It granted strike sanction to Local 99 against Jimmy Lively Dental Laboratory, 1624 Franklin St., Oakland, Monday night.

The union, which had held a "stop work" meeting since Friday, posted pickets Tuesday. Members of Building Service Employees 18 who work in the same building respected the picket lines, according to Groulx.

AGREES TO TALKS

Meanwhile, California Dental Association officials have agreed to meet with Local 99 next Monday.

The union is seeking an agreement that the association will respect its picket lines and send work under all prepaid union dental agreements to union labs, according to Wray Jacobs, business representative.

Local 99 won the meeting with the association after posting informational pickets in front of the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, during a three-day convention last weekend.

In a report to Labor Council delegates Monday night, Groulx praised the "aggressive" spirit of Local 99.

COPE AFFILIATION

Groulx also reported that letters will be sent out to all unions not affiliated with the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education, urging them to join and support COPE during crucial election campaigns ahead.

COPE affiliates will be urged to make an extra donation during the campaign. The money will be used for widespread mail and phone efforts on behalf of incumbent Congressman Jeffery Cohelan and other COPE-endorsed candidates.

Executive Secretary-Treasurer Robert S. Ash emphasized that Cohelan has one of the best voting records in Congress on issues considered important by the AFLCIO. Ash said Cohelan has only one "bad" vote during eight years in Congress.

Democratic gains periled: Cohelan

Democratic accomplishments of the last six years — and programs for future gains — are "under attack from both extremes" in the Seventh Congressional District.

This is how incumbent Congressman Jeffery Cohelan (D-Berkeley) summed up his primary and general election opposition in a talk before nearly 600 persons here last week.

Cohelan spoke at a testimonial dinner in his honor at Goodman's Hall, Jack London Square, Oakland.

His Republican opponent, Cohelan charged, "has been against almost every major piece of economic and social legislation that has been enacted by Congress in the last several years."

'USING THE DEMOCRATS'

Cohelan accused the candidate running against him in the Democratic Party only as

a means of getting his name on the ballot.

Not mentioning either opponent by name, Cohelan charged that the other candidate in the Democratic primary "says that the Democratic Party cannot be reformed to his liking and must be destroyed."

Cohelan charged that this man "has made the absurd call that the President of the United States should be impeached."

"This opponent would substitute slogans for a program, and demonstrations for effective legislation."

Cohelan said that "our job this election year, and it is a big one, is to make these choices clear — to contrast progress with reaction, and performance with protest."

ROLE IN VIETNAM

Attacking statements made by
MORE on page 7

HOW TO BUY

How to beat inflation—maybe

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

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President Johnson's recommendation to housewives to help fight inflation by being selective in buying is good advice. But it isn't advice easy for moderate income families to follow. They have been pretty selective right along through sheer necessity.

Nor is it simple to be selective this year. We've been studying the price lists, as the President recommended, and we find that prices have gone up right along the line.

The real problem is the low supply of pork. But that has pushed up the price of beef, which is not in low supply. High prices of red meats, in turn, have pushed up the tags on poultry. Even fish costs more this year. So does produce.

It's hard to understand why the hog cycle should affect the price of frozen fish, canned applesauce and peas, except that all the hogs may not be in the stockyards.

Nor is there any relief in sight before next fall. Meat is likely to cost even more this summer than now if the normal price pattern holds. What to eat is going to be a real problem.

Here are possibilities for substitutions that are available to you:

MEAT, POULTRY: This is the big problem. Twelve meat and poultry items we checked in two cities have jumped an average of 11 cents a pound over a year ago.

Among those up most are stew beef (now 85 cents); round steak (\$1.12); pork loin (85 cents); smoked ham (78 cents); bacon

(from 57 cents last year to 95 now); lamb shoulder chops (94 cents).

Bacon, especially, is a bad buy at this level, since it is classed nutritionally as a fat, not a protein food.

The relatively better buys are chuck roast, chopped beef, pork shoulder (picnics, butts, calls, etc.), beef liver and tongue.

While broilers, stewing chickens and turkeys also have gone up 2 to 4 cents a pound, they still rate as one of the best buys if your family is willing to eat chicken a little longer.

To avoid "chicken fatigue," Trienah Meyers, deputy assistant agriculture secretary reports that more housewives are serving chicken stewed, barbecued and baked, although frying still is most common.

Eggs cost more this year than last—at this writing 69 cents on our list, compared to 54, but they still are an outstanding buy. A dozen large eggs yield 1½ pounds of protein food without waste. Eggs not only are cheaper than meat, but even cheaper per pound than many dry cereals.

PRODUCE in general costs more this year, especially canned fruits, such as peaches, pears and fruit cocktail. Best buys in canned and frozen produce are apple sauce, creamed corn, peas, snap beans and frozen spinach.

CLOTHING and household textile prices are inching up. Also watch quality this year. Manufacturers are heavily occupied with military orders. Military procurement is not causing any real shortages. But the combination of this buying plus some "fear buying" by wholesalers and retailers, is firming up prices.

Take advantage of the spring clothing clearance and May white sales to fill in your needs, as prices may be higher this fall.

SHOES are the real problem. Manufacturers noticeably have taken advantage of present military and civilian demand to raise prices already this year and have scheduled another price increase for next fall. The shoe manufacturers blame the higher charges on higher hide prices and want the government to reduce hide exports. However, hide prices have not gone up as much in actual cost as the shoe price increases. Moreover, the majority of shoes now produced have soles made of synthetic materials, not leather, and 20 per cent of shoes manufactured have uppers made of other materials than leather.

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Drugs costlier by brand names

Evidence that brand name prescriptions add many dollars to drug costs was presented by a recent New York survey. Fluctuations of as much as four or five times in the price of medications were uncovered.

In an extreme case, the New York Times reported that prednisone, a drug prescribed in treatment of rheumatic ailments and arthritis, sold for \$1.25 in one pharmacy while the identical drug and dosage cost \$11.50 at another. In the latter case, the drug was sold by brand name.

The survey, which checked the prices of three specific drugs, was undertaken by the Citizen's Committee for Metropolitan Affairs, a one-year-old, non-profit group.

Its report said that resperin, a drug used for long-term treatment of high blood pressure, cost \$1.25 at one store and when purchased under its brand name cost \$9.38 at another. A second comparison showed that the drug cost \$2.95 under its generic name and the identical drug and dosage cost \$8.95 under its brand name.

The third drug checked was tetracycline hydrochloride, the medical name for an important antibiotic. Volunteers who went out to purchase tetracycline by its established name at a Bronx drug store found it cost \$3.75. The identical drug and dosage purchased by its brand name cost \$6.95.

—Retail Clerks Advocate

Drug conspiracy charged by Long

Senator Russell B. Long (D-La.) has accused five major drug manufacturers of international conspiracy to fix the price of antibiotics, primarily tetracycline.

The poor in the United States and Latin America have been the chief victims, Long, assistant Democratic leader in the Senate, charged.

He named manufacturers as: Charles Pfizer & Co., Inc.; American Cyanamid Co., Bristol Myers Co., Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp. and its Squibb Division, and Upjohn Co.

Long said it cost the companies no more than 1.6 cents a pill to produce tetracycline from 1954 to 1961, when it was retailed to the American public for 51 cents. The price is now down to 30 cents.

The Justice Department filed antitrust charges against three of the companies several years ago, but Long said the department had been on the verge of accepting no-contest pleas before he spoke up.

Burning?

"Why is it they stamp 'In God We Trust' on pennies?" asked a kid in class. To spark discussion, the teacher replied: "Who can answer that?" To which another kid replied: "That's for the benefit of people who put them in fuse boxes!"—The Carpenter.

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A few words for UNION CONSUMERS

AUTO SAFETY has made nationwide headlines ever since Ralph Nader's "Unsafe at Any Speed" told about engineering defects in American cars — and a blonde tried to get Nader to come up to her apartment.

General Motors officials admit they hired a private investigating firm to look into Nader's background and find a possible way to discredit him. (They couldn't.)

But they won't admit having anything to do with the blonde, or a brunette who attempted similar play with the auto safety writer.

CAR MAKERS — who formerly took the position that the American public didn't really care about safety, but wanted horsepower and glamor instead—have now changed their tune.

As recently as last January, according to Times-Post dispatch published in the San Francisco Chronicle, Detroit officials were insisting it was too late to put collapsible steering columns on their 1968 models.

Within a few weeks after the dramatic disclosures at Senate committee hearings by Nader and others, two big auto manufacturers came out with a different version.

General Motors and American Motors both announced that collapsible steering devices would be available on their '67 models.

And dual brakes, available now on American Motors products but only on Cadillac among GM's brands because they were considered "controversial," will be on all 1967 models of GM.

INSTEAD OF playing down safety, as before, GM President James M. Roche testified before Senator Abraham Ribicoff's committee:

"I am urging our engineers and experts on to greater heights, to be pioneers in auto safety. We are giving safety a priority second to none."

Senator Robert F. Kennedy, one of those playing a key role during the committee hearings, warned, however, that a "no law" highway safety act may be all we'll get.

The auto makers are in retreat now. But once they recoup their loss, we may witness what Senator Kennedy called "the direct and indirect power of the automobile and allied interests to divert, deter and diminish... effective measures."

In other words, we may get a highway safety act, but it may be riddled with loopholes after the Detroit lobbyists get through with it.

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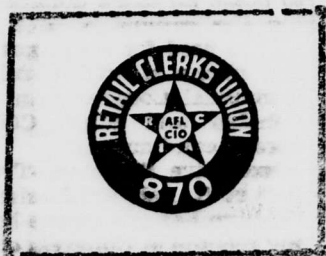
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IAM to organize auto engine rebuilders in non-union areas

Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546 can look forward to some relief from the threat to their union-won gains cause by rebuilt engines and transmission shipped here from cheap wage, non-union areas.

This was revealed to the East Bay Labor Journal last week by P. L. (Roy) Siemiller, president of the International Association of Machinists, AFLCIO.

In an interview, Siemiller said the union has launched an organizing campaign in auto repair and engine rebuilding firms across the nation.

The campaign was made possible by a 50 cent increase in per capita payments to the international union, approved by members, which went into effect this month. Because of the added revenue, the IAM has been able to put on organizers in several new cities.

Locations of exchange motor rebuilders being singled out for special attention.

Siemiller noted the IAM has just won a 52 day strike at a leading engine rebuilding firm in Iowa.

Lodge 1546 is the IAM's largest Automobile Machinists' lodge west of the Mississippi.

Appeal on packer demotions won by AFGE 1533

Demotions of 45 packers at the Oakland Naval Supply Center have been cancelled by the Navy, thanks to the intervention of American Federation of Government Employees 1533.

Center officials had demoted the 45 from the job of packer to the lower-paying one of preservation and packing worker.

AFGE 1533 launched an appeal through Navy procedures and finally asked the Naval Office of Industrial Relations in Washington, D.C., to step into the case, according to Edward O. (Pete) Lee, union business representative.

The reinstatement order requires that the demoted employees also receive a raise in pay which they missed.

Medicare signup period extended

Congress has extended the deadline for enrollment in the \$3-a-month voluntary medicare insurance program until May 31.

The U.S. Social Security Administration obtained the extension from the original March 31 deadline because about 1,300,000 of those eligible failed to sign up.

The \$3-a-month program is generally considered a "best buy" by experts. It covers an estimated 80 per cent of annual doctor bills and certain other medical expenses of persons 65 and over.

Further information may be obtained from any local office of the U.S. Social Security Administration, a branch of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare of the United States government.

Office Employees score big victory in Penney election

A significant victory was won by Office and Technical Employees of the J. C. Penney Co.'s Oakland Area Accounting Office voted to be represented by the union in a National Labor Relations Board election.

The vote was 80 for Local 29, and 66 for no union.

The office, located in the Bermuda Building, employs about 168 persons who do accounting work for J. C. Penney stores throughout Northern California.

Business Representatives Joe Nedham and Bob Hipps of Local 29 led the successful campaign by the union, which was considered especially important in labor circles because most J.C. Penney operations are non-union.

Siemiller urges brass, defense firms to be fair to labor

Despite record profits in the aerospace industry, both the companies and the U.S. Defense Department have made it tough for unions to win wages, working conditions and fringe benefits comparable with those in other fields.

This charge was made by P.L. (Roy) Siemiller, president of the International Association of Machinists, AFLCIO, which represents and bargains for two-thirds of all organized aerospace workers.

Speaking before Defense Department brass and officials of West Coast defense firms at a briefing session in San Francisco last week, Siemiller charged that in bargaining we face not merely management but the power of "The Pentagon."

He added: "It isn't hard for the Department of Defense to frustrate the union's honest efforts to meet the needs of its members."

ANTI-LABOR SUPPORT

One way, Siemiller said, is to advise a defense firm to "sit tight" until the union is driven to its knees. Another, he told the military and defense officials, is "to threaten to pull the (defense) contract — to leave the workforce and the community stranded unless the union drops its proposals."

"Even where a company may agree with the fairness of the union's proposals," Siemiller charged, "the Department of Defense can still upset the bargaining process. It simply warns management that it will not authorize reimbursement for any increased labor costs."

UNITED AIRCRAFT

Siemiller said there has been at least one proven case in which the Defense Department reimbursed a company, United Aircraft, for "such added expenses as the cost of recruiting strike-breakers — or of defective work turned out by untrained and inexperienced labor."

This happened, Siemiller continued, even though the National Labor Relations Board found that the strike resulted from the

company's unfair labor practice and its refusal to bargain.

Noting that free collective bargaining is further weakened because "this is an industry in which even the most justified strike seems to enrage the public, the press and Congress," Siemiller declared:

"No one pauses to think that the union is not the source of problems in the workplace, but the best possible method by which these problems can be uncovered and solved."

MANPOWER CHANGES

Siemiller pointed out that the defense industry is marked by fluctuating surpluses and shortages of workers in various areas.

He said that unions representing workers in the aerospace industry should be briefed on future plans and needs, and be permitted "to make suggestions as to how the Department of Defense can synchronize military necessity with social need."

Siemiller called for better severance pay, supplemental unemployment benefits, matched savings, retraining and relocation for aerospace industry workers.

Strongly criticizing the presidential guidelines, Siemiller said: "They say that we must keep our wage proposals within the 3.2 per cent figure set up by the presidential guidelines. They neglect to say that even the guidelines permit adjustment of inequities. Because of the kind of bargaining and handicaps I have been discussing, wage inequities in aerospace, as compared to other major industries, have become very great indeed."

"Even with the provision for correcting wage inequities, most union members are convinced that the guidelines are unfair in that they apply to workers' wages but not to management's salaries, profits, bonuses, stock options, expense accounts and dividends."

Similar "advanced planning briefing sessions will be held for defense firms in various parts of the nation. The main object is to let them know the Defense Department's anticipated needs.

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BY CLYDE JOHNSON

We plan to raise the issue of a boycott of southern manufacturers again and make it a political issue in the election campaign.

More shops have left Alameda County in the last few months to relocate in the South. They all plan to ship their products back to the West Coast from the segregated, industrial slums where they locate.

The job of wiping out the wage differential between here and the southern states is not impossible. The coal miners, the red ore miners and the oil workers eliminated the wage differential in their industries years ago.

The minimum wage law has been held down to the starvation level mainly by southern congressmen. A higher minimum wage would raise the floor under all wages, including the South, and help us maintain our standards.

For cabinet work, the State of California offers the biggest market in the country. If we can convince the State of California (Brown, et. al.) to refuse state or federal funds to school dis-

tricts if they purchase from segregated shops in the South or elsewhere, that will be the first big step.

If they don't then we should advertise to the poverty areas in Alameda and Contra Costa counties that over 500 cabinet work jobs (mainly for apprentices) are being peddled to southern segregated industrial slums. If the poor people get angry over the situation, maybe it will help force a decent policy from the state government.

For kitchen cabinets, the same situation exists. Right now, about 80 per cent of our members work on residential cabinets. If the southern industrial slums succeed in taking over the kitchen industry here, it will be a terrible blow to the members of Local 550.

We have to think of the members over 35 years old who have put years in this trade, face loss of jobs, the loss of pension rights, etc. The younger members would be bucking a local job market where there is over 10 per cent unemployment (about 25 per cent for young people).

The Executive Board of 550 is in agreement on a very determined fight for the jobs in our industry. If we step hard on political toes, if we are less than happy about the lack of support from our state and national

offices, if we use aggressive tactics in some of the rough situations, it will be for cause.

I'm writing this so you will know we may be criticized for fighting as best we know how for our jobs. We are not part of the "power structure" or the "establishment." We will gladly support those who help us, but we've had all the phoney promises we can take. From now on through this critical period we plan to fight. You cannot save jobs or buy groceries with promises. This we found out the hard way.

Retail Clerks Union 870

BY CHARLES F. JONES

Negotiations are in progress with the management of Associated Consumers, located in Hayward. The contract with this company was due to expire in September, 1965. However, an interim agreement was arrived at, and we are presently negotiating the standard discount agreement. We are hopeful that negotiations will be concluded soon.

The annual convention of the California State Council of Retail Clerks will be held in Los Angeles, June 21 through 24th. At the last regular meeting of the

Union the following members were nominated to attend: James A. Suffridge, Mina Dorrance, Harry Coffin.

Since there was no opposition, a unanimous ballot was cast for those nominated. In addition to those elected, the following, by virtue of their office, will also attend as delegates: Charles F. Jones, president; George D. Read, first vice-president; Paul H. Crockett, second vice-president.

The trustees of the Retail Shoe and Clothing Employees Trust Fund of Alameda County have voted to disband the trust effective June 1, 1966. Most of the members who were in this trust are now covered by the Northern California Retail Clerks Plan. As a result, there are only six firms left in the shoe trust. We feel confident they, too, will become a part of the Northern California plan.

Steel Machinists 1304

BY DAVE ARCA

Hi. Nudity is probably permissible under personal and private circumstances. Publicly, those little lasses in bare bosom bistros beyond the Bay illustrate the temper of our times. Unfortunately,

nately, the bouncing broads are bringing in hordes of boisterous boozers to the gawk and guzzle clubs, enticing customers from the clean clubs whose entertainment is less lewd. Which reminds us: whatever happened to that bottomless babe in San Diego? We haven't heard.

Last week, a Las Vegas casino announced its intent to put peekaboo babes behind black-jack tables. This is unfair. The percentage already favors the house. With glamorous globes of mammary glands bobbing before him, a mere male may find it difficult to concentrate on cards and computation. Wouldn't you say so?

Labor-wise, what happens to men dealers? Mechanical black-jack machines are already in the casinos. With nude dealers at the tables, there goes another vanishing American.

Also unfair is the discriminatory advantage amply endowed dames will enjoy over the slim and trim types. And so far, no mention is made of inducements toward easy virtue inspired by nudity and the kooky clientele.

How about those scientists who acclaim an insemination using sperm stored for 2½ years? The successful pregnancy gives rise to the possibilities of stockpiling selected sperm of geniuses, engineers and scientists, supposedly to sire a super race of super people. What a way to be born. We suppose it's the intellectual answer to crime and passion, but what about love and marriage? Where do we draw the line? Oh well, we intended to talk about politics, but the nutty news seemed more fun. Let's talk politics next week. Okay? Okay.

Watchmakers Local 101

BY GEORGE F. ALLEN

With the two month extension of the medicare signup date, I thought I might write a few words with regard to the medicare program, which becomes effective July 1, 1966.

I am confident all our members over 65 or those who become 65 years of age this year have signed up for the medicare program. Just in case anyone hasn't my advice is that for \$3 per month you cannot afford not to sign up for this program.

This applies to all our members whether they are covered in our group insurance program or not. Under the present law, the premium costs increase 10 per cent each year if you do not participate in the program at 65 years of age, and in three years you will be ineligible to participate at any cost.

To those members covered under the Kaiser Plan, sign the medicare supplement enrollment card you received from the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.

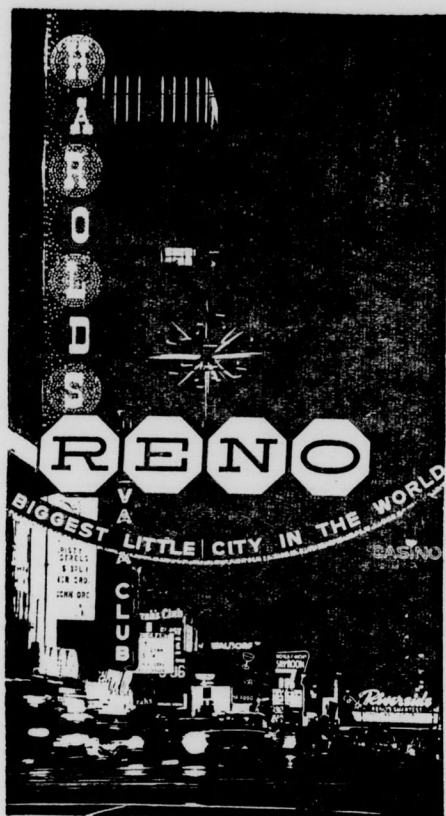
If there is any adjustment in the Kaiser premium payment for those persons 65 or over covering your status, we shall notify those members accordingly. Regardless of any premium adjustments that are necessary, you will receive the same Kaiser coverage that you are now enjoying.

If any of our members have any relatives or friends who are 65 years or older, again my advice is to ask you to inform them to take advantage of this medicare program.

Special COPE meeting for county endorsements

Candidates for county offices will be endorsed by the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education at a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the William P. Fee Room of the Labor Temple.

The COPE Executive Committee will meet to interview candidates starting at 9:30 a.m. according to Robert S. Ash, Secretary-treasurer.



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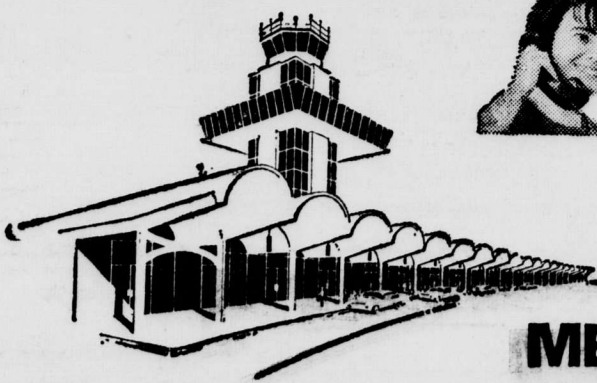
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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

The meeting of Friday, May 6, 1966, will be a special called meeting for the purpose of nominating delegates to the 30th General Convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America at Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 19, 1966.

At this same meeting of Friday, May 6, nominations will be held for the office of treasurer of Carpenters Local Union No. 1622.

Brother Pat Hogan, our Eighth District representative, will address the members at this meeting. This is a very important occasion. All members are urged to attend.

The meeting of Friday, June 10, 1966, at 8 p.m. will be a special called meeting for the purpose of electing delegates to the 30th General Convention of the UBC&J of A, also the election for the office of treasurer of Carpenters L.U. 1622.

The office of the financial secretary remains open Friday evenings. Our regular meetings are held every Friday at 8 p.m.

Our regular stewards' meeting will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

A Steward's Training Program is held the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The membership is invited to attend these meetings.

Our social event is held the last Friday of each month following our regular meeting.

Fraternally,
A. W. RICE,
Rec. Secty.

CHEMICAL WORKERS 62

Chemical Workers Local 62 election date has been changed due to holiday on April 8.

Election of officers and delegates will be held at Niles Sportsman Club, 351 Castro Lane, Fremont, at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 1966, with polls open from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for the benefit of swing shift workers.

Fraternally,
JEROME JACQUES,
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SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

We are attempting to reactivate our plastic welding class. We have a good sized plastic installation coming up, and we will need several such welders to man the job. The school will consist of eight three-hour sessions convening at 6:30 p.m., Friday evening, April 22, 1966 at the Laney College, 237 East 11th St., Oakland. Tuition is free. Anyone wishing to attend these classes should register at the school that evening.

A word to the wives. It is to your advantage that your husbands' dues be paid for the current month at all times.

Any members in arrears in their dues are not eligible for the \$2,500 maximum accidental death or dismemberment insurance.

Members of Tri-State Council Death Benefit Plan please be advised that Death Assessment No. 566 is now due and payable.

Fraternally,
ROBERT M. COOPER,
Bus. Rep.

PLUMBERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 1966, at 8 p.m. in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The regular order of business.
Please make an honest effort to attend your union meetings. Your union is only as strong as your participation.

Fraternally,
GEORGE A. HESS,
Bus. Mgr. and Fin.
Secty-Treas.

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

A special meeting of Alameda County School Employees Local 257 will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14, 1966, at the Electrical Workers Hall (Porter Hall, upstairs), 1918 Grove St., Oakland, Calif.

Special order of business:

1. Selection of business representative.
2. Salary Committee's report and discussion, and such other business as necessary.

The Executive Board will meet at 9:30 a.m. Board members, take note.

Fraternally,
HAROLD BENNER,
Secty.

CARPET AND LINOLEUM 1290

The next regular meeting of Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Layers Local 1290 will be held on Thursday, April 28, 1966, at 8 p.m. in Hall C, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Please attend.

Fraternally,
GLENN A. McINTIRE,
Rec. Secty.

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Regular meetings are held the first and third Fridays of each month at 8 p.m. in the Southern Alameda County Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Rd., Hayward.

Fraternally,
R. H. FITZGERALD,
Rec. Secty.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meeting held second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. McINTOSH,
Rec. Secty.

RETAIL CLERKS 870

The next regular membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26, at 9:30 a.m. at the Union Auditorium, 6537 Foothill Blvd., Oakland.

Fraternally,
CHARLES F. JONES,
Pres.

AUTO AND SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be at 8 p.m. May 3, in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Bus. Rep.

BARBERS 134

We will hold nominations for the office of guardian at our next regular meeting, Thursday, April 28, 8 p.m., in the Labor Temple. We will have a 10 minute recess before electing a guardian for our local, to fill the vacancy for the balance of this year. This is your 15 day notice of the above special business to come before this meeting.

Your officers and members who attended the hearing in regard to a new barber college in the area did their best to oppose it. We must now wait for the decision of the Barber Board. A report of this hearing will be given at our April meeting, which you are urged to attend.

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Fraternally,
AL MATTOCH,
Secty.-Treas.

SHIPWRIGHTS 1149

ATTENTION, MEMBERS

By membership action taken at the last regular meeting, held March 18, 1966, the membership of Local 1149 stands instructed that the election for business representative shall be held on April 29, 1966 by voting machines located in the San Francisco and Oakland halls. Voting to take place between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Regular meetings of Local 1149 held at 2085 Third St., San Francisco, the first Friday of every month and at 115 Broadway, Oakland, the third Friday of every month. Meetings start at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
JAMES ALLAN,
Rec. Secty.

BUILDING SERVICE 18

Meeting dates fourth Friday of every month. Meetings at 8 p.m. and the regular evening meetings at 7 p.m., both at the Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster St., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
VIC BRANDT,
Secty.-Bus. Rep.

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 382

Meetings second Friday of the month at 8 p.m., 2267 Telegraph Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,
JOHN FERRO,
Secty.

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, April 21, at 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Please attend.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Secty.

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 677

Meetings second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m., American Hellenic Center, 324 37th St., Richmond.

Fraternally,
TOM WILKINS,
Secty.

RUBBER WORKERS 64

The Union Office has been moved to 23740 Nevada Rd., Hayward 94541.

A full-time deputy registrar of voters will be present at all of our meetings.

Fraternally,
LES PLOWRIGHT,
Pres.

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held on the first and third Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. at 761 13th St., Oakland.

The Educational Committee will meet on the fourth Wednesday, April 27, 1966, at 7:30 p.m.

Stewards will meet on the fourth Thursday, April 28, 1966, at 7:30 p.m.

The 10th annual blood bank assessment is due and payable effective April 1.

Fraternally,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Rec. Secty.

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month at Finish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO,
Rec. Secty.

E.B. MUNI EMPLOYEES 390

HIGHLAND HOSPITAL (GH)
Wednesday, April 27, 8 p.m., Labor Temple, Room 220.

FAIRMONT HOSPITAL (GF)
Thursday, April 28, 7 p.m., Day Room.

Fraternally,
DAVE JEFFERY,
Exec. Secty.

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Local 194 meets every first and third Monday at 8 p.m. with refreshments served in the canteen after each meeting on the first Monday of each month.

Fraternally,
J. W. NIXON,
Rec. Secty.

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge 1546 are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our building at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

There will be a special order of business at the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 1966, at not later than 9 p.m. to act on the subject of establishing a monthly newsletter for the membership of Lodge No. 1546.

Fraternally,
DON CROSMAN,
Rec. Secty.

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 382

Meeting second Thursday of each month at 8 p.m., Carpenters Hall 1050 Mattox Rd., Hayward.

Faternally,
AL CHASMAN,
Secty.

Bob Barton new secretary of ACC

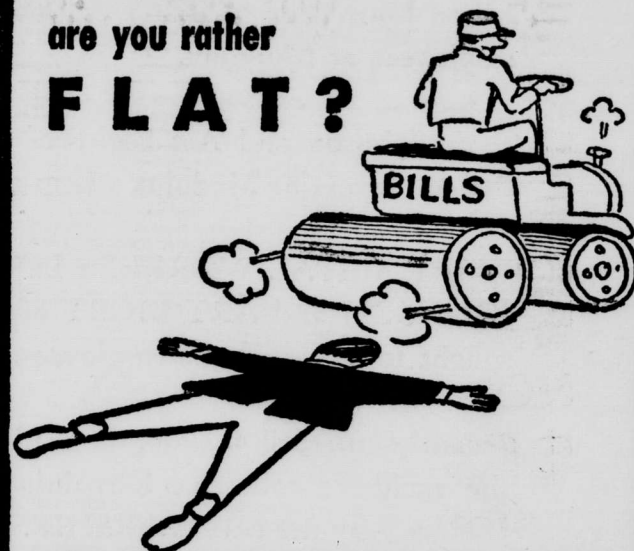
Robert R. Barton, Oakland attorney who was endorsed for the Board of Supervisors in 1964 by the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education, has been named secretary of the Association of California Consumers.

Barton succeeds George Brunn of Berkeley, who has been appointed to the Municipal Court bench.

Barton has a long interest in consumer affairs. He was a consultant to the U.S. Treasury Department in 1963 and helped draft the Interest Equalization Act.

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OF

Al Teixeira and Ed Ingles

of Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 355 to

Clyde Johnson and Art Bigby

of Millmens Union 550

We Want All of Our Friends in the Labor Movement to Know that:

1. The wild and reckless charges made by Clyde Johnson of MILLMEN'S UNION 550 in the ad run in the East Bay Labor Journal on March 11, 1966, attacking us have been *completely answered* by the people involved — the employees at Modulux.
2. Clyde Johnson and Art Bigby of MILLMEN'S UNION 550 have been completely and soundly *repudiated* by the employees at Modulux whom they sought to represent.
3. SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL UNION 355 has overwhelmingly and decisively **BEATEN** CLYDE JOHNSON and ART BIGBY of MILLMEN'S UNION 550 in the recent NLRB election in which both Unions sought to represent the employees.
4. Recently on April 4, 1966, the NLRB CERTIFIED the SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL UNION 355 as the exclusive collective bargaining representative of the employees. The MILLMEN'S UNION 550 was **REJECTED** by the MEMBERSHIP.

WE JUST WANT TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT WILD AND RECKLESS CHARGES ARE ONE THING. CONVINCING HUNDREDS OF WORKING MEN AND WOMEN IS ANOTHER. THE BALLOT BOX PROVIDES THE ANSWER!

AGAIN—TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT—CLYDE JOHNSON and ART BIGBY OVERWHELMINGLY LOST THE ELECTION AT MODULUX AND WERE COMPLETELY REPUDIATED.

AL TEIXEIRA and ED INGLES and SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL UNION 355 NOW STAND VINDICATED AND ARE PROUD TO SAY THAT RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT PAYS OFF IN THE BALLOT BOX.

ALFRED TEIXEIRA
EDGAR A. INGLES

SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL UNION 355

By: WILLIAM L. HUNTER, President

Wedding bells ring out for Millie Castelluccio

Millie Castelluccio, secretary-treasurer of Laundry Workers 2 and sergeant-at-arms of the Central Labor Council, is a new bride.

She and Larry Getchell of Oakland were married a week ago Saturday in Reno.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the City of Oakland and of Alameda County hereby calls for sealed bids to be delivered to the Secretary of said Board at his office, in the Administration Building of said District, 1025 Second Avenue, Oakland, California, until Tuesday, the 3rd day of May, 1966, at 4 p.m., at which time and place said bids will be opened for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, mechanical workmanship, transportation, and services to be used in the providing and installing lockers at various schools in Oakland, California for the Oakland Unified School District of Alameda County.

These bids shall be presented in accordance with plans and specifications for said work which are on file at the said office of the Secretary of said Board of Education located as above mentioned and in the office of the Director of Architecture and Engineering, located at 6901 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland, California.

Said plans and specifications may be had by any prospective bidder for the work above listed, on application to the Director of Architecture and Engineering, at his office, hereinabove mentioned, and in each case shall be returned within five (5) days after securing same to said Director of Architecture and Engineering, if no bid is submitted in the bidder's name for the completion of the work, or not later than two (2) days from and after the date of submitting the bid, if a bid is submitted in the bidder's name.

Bids must be made on form obtained at the said office of the Director of Architecture and Engineering and must be signed by the bidder and accompanied by a bid bond in the form procured from said office, duly executed by the bidder as principal and a corporation authorized to do business in the State of California as surety, naming the Oakland Unified School District of Alameda County as obligee, or by a cashier's check or certified check, certified without qualification, drawn on a solvent bank of the State of California or on a national bank doing business in the State of California, in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$1,200.00), and made payable to the Oakland Unified School District of Alameda County. Should the party or parties to whom the contract should be awarded fail to enter into the contract after the award and to file the required bonds, the proceeds of said certified or cashier's check or the amount paid by the bidder or his surety pursuant to the terms of said bid bond, either voluntarily or pursuant to the judgment rendered by the court in any action brought thereon, will be retained by said Oakland Unified School District as agreed and liquidated damages.

The contractor and all subcontractors under him must pay all laborers, workmen and mechanics on said work, or any part thereof, not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for legal holiday and overtime work, for work of a similar character in the locality in which the work is performed, to wit: Oakland Unified School District of Alameda County, which per diem wages shall not be less than the stipulated rates contained in a schedule thereof which has been ascertained and determined by said Board of Education, and which is now on file with the Secretary of said Board of Education and, made a part hereof, and which said general prevailing rate of per diem wages, as hereinabove referred to and adopted for each craft or type of workman or mechanic needed to execute this contract, is herein specified as follows:

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In addition to the hourly and/or per diem wages for the crafts, classifications or types of workmen listed above, contractors may be required to make employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation and similar purposes as required by the executed collective bargaining agreements for the particular craft classification or type of work involved.

All skilled labor not listed above that may be employed is to be paid not less than the union wage scale for such labor and in no event to be paid less than Three and 77/100 Dollars (\$3.775) per hour.

The working day shall be eight hours unless otherwise specified above. The per diem rate shall be the hourly rate multiplied by the number of hours in the working day. When less than the number of hours constituting the working day, as herein stated, is worked, the wage to be paid shall be the hourly rate multiplied by the number of hours actually worked.

All overtime and work on holidays shall be at the rate of not less than time and a half. The holidays upon which such rate shall be paid shall be all holidays recognized in the collective bargaining agreement applicable to the particular craft, classification or type of workman employed on the project.

It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and upon any subcontractor under him, to pay not less than the said specified rates to all laborers, workmen and mechanics employed by them in the execution of the contract.

Properly indentured apprentices may be employed upon this work in accordance with the state law. Such apprentices shall be properly indentured as called for by law and shall be paid not less than standard wage paid to apprentices under the regulations of the trade at which they are employed. An apprentice shall be employed only at the work of the trade to which he is indentured. The initial wage to be paid an apprentice shall not be less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the journeymen's wage being paid and shall be increased each six (6) months in an amount not less than fifteen percent (15%).

Helpers shall be paid the standard wage for helpers established under the regulations of the trade at which they are employed.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board of Education April 19, 1966.

STUART S. PHILLIPS
Secretary of the Board of Education of the City of Oakland and Oakland Unified School District of Alameda County, California.

Friday, April 22, 1966
Friday, April 29, 1966.

Cohelan: extremist opponents threaten Democratic gains

Continued from page 1

his primary opponent about the role of the United States in Vietnam, Cohelan declared:

"In my judgement, the only valid reason for a United States presence in Vietnam is to insure the people of that war-torn country an opportunity to determine their own future, and to honor that choice, whatever it may be.

"To this end," Cohelan said, "I have advocated the direct involvement of the United Nations, both to achieve a cease-fire and to arrange the machinery for countrywide elections."

Directly answering attacks by his primary opponent, Cohelan said as far back as last August he (Cohelan) called for inclusion of the Viet Cong in any negotiations.

"I have recognized that our efforts to date to achieve negotiations have not been successful, and so I have called for new efforts to achieve a conference," Cohelan declared.

"These efforts have included a call for a prolonged pause in the bombing of North Vietnam and a mutual de-escalation of force levels."

PRESENT STRIFE

Cohelan said he feels that the United States must not take sides in the present struggle for control of the government of South Vietnam.

He charged that the majority of the governments we have supported in Saigon have won our backing merely because they appeared to be the most stable ones then on the scene.

In the present internal struggle, Cohelan urged the United States to support self-determination of the South Vietnamese people in choosing an interim government, as well as a permanent one.

This means the United States should be prepared to withdraw its forces if asked to do so by any government that comes to

power, Cohelan declared, adding that "we plainly cannot continue to assist where our assistance is no longer needed."

Cohelan pledged upon his return to Washington, D.C., "once again to urge in every way I know to be effective, that we wage an all-out diplomatic offensive which can persuade the other side that we seek not political dependence, economic gain or a military enclave, but only a peace conference without preconditions, an effective cease-fire, and self-determination for the people accompanied by independence from their neighbors, and from all other countries."

Following Cohelan's remarks, which were greeted with a standing ovation, U.S. Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien gave a talk in which he described the Berkeley congressman as "one of the nation's most able, most astute and most dedicated national legislators."

O'Brien, formerly special assistant to both Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, noted that U.S. voters in 1964 "resoundingly defeated the candidate of easy solutions."

He predicted that voters in the 7th C.D. this year would deal a similar fate to Cohelan's primary opponent — whom O'Brien described as a candidate with a "simple solution" to the war in Vietnam.

O'Brien was introduced by Joe W. Chaudet, general manager of the East Bay Labor Journal and former postmaster of Oakland.

Assemblyman W. Byron Rumford (D.-17th District) introduced Democratic office holders and other guests.

E.B. Parks Local 414 joins Public Employees 1675

East Bay Regional Parks District Employees 414 has become a unit of Public Employees 1675.

The merger has been approved by members of both locals and by Jerry Wurf, international president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO.

Business Representative Rodney Larson of Local 1675 pointed out that, as a separate unit of the larger union, the parks' local will continue to elect its own officers and will keep its autonomy in negotiations, as well as its own treasury.

However, the professional staff of Local 1675 will be available to the parks' employees.

AMUNDSON THANKED

President Mike Gomez of Local 414 and Larson announced that the local had voted its appreciation to Assistant Secretary Norman E. Amundson of the Central Labor Council and to the CLC itself.

The Labor Council has assisted other matters in recent years. Amundson has represented the Labor Council with the local.

In addition to representing the parks' employees in forthcoming negotiations, Larson has already appeared before the East Bay Regional Parks District Board of Directors to fight a plan for contracting out work which threatens jobs of union members.

Youth Corps openings

The Southern Alameda County Neighborhood Youth Corps Project has openings in Fremont, Union City, Newark and Hayward, according to Ernest C. Perry, job developer and training specialist.

Applications may be made by youths at the new California State Employment Service Youth Center, 306 A St., Hayward.

Musicians Union scholarships open to young players

Young Bay Area performers are eligible for three scholarships to the Eighth Annual American Federation of Musicians Congress of Strings.

Each scholarship will entitle the winner to all expenses at the eight week summer school for players of string instruments co-sponsored by the union and Michigan State College at East Lansing, Mich., June 26 to Aug. 20.

Two of the scholarships will be sponsored by Musicians Local 6 and one by a private individual through the local. All three will be awarded to young men or women between the ages of 16 and 23 selected in auditions sponsored by Local 6 at its auditorium, 230 Jones St., San Francisco, May 2, starting at 9:30 a.m.

DEADLINE APRIL 29

Deadline for applications is April 29, according to Albert F. Arnold, vice-president of Local 6, who is handling details of the

The local competition is open to young musicians from the four Bay Area counties. In Alameda County, only residents of Oakland, Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville and Piedmont are eligible — as the jurisdiction of Local 6 ends at the San Leandro city limits. Other locals of the Musicians are sponsoring scholarships in their areas.

The Congress of Strings is a continuing scholarship music program dedicated to development of young musicians in the United States and Canada—and to expanded opportunity in the music profession.

The Congress of Strings student body is limited to 100 winners of community auditions conducted by locals of the Musicians. Scholarships include transportation, meals, housing, music lessons and recreation.

Several internationally-known conductors will be among the instructors. Further details and application forms may be obtained from Arnold at PR 5-8118.

Plowright to organize for URW in this area

Leslie Plowright, president of United Rubber Workers 64, has been assigned as an organizer in this area on a temporary basis by the URW.

Plowright asked anyone with relatives or friends working for a non-union firm in the rubber, cork, linoleum or plastic industries to contact him at 782-4991 or leave a message at the Central Labor Council 444-6510.

Plowright will continue as president of Local 64.

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Some ways to combat low-wage competition

We have been stressing the political situation in the Seventh Congressional District in our news columns because it threatens one of labor's best friends in Congress and is near at hand. Our emphasis has been to call attention to the oversimplification and distortion of the Vietnam issue by those working against the incumbent congressman, Democrat Jeffery Cohelan, as well as the urgent need for strong labor support for Cohelan this year.

But we should not let this important fight keep us from helping elect our friends in other political races. Governor Brown, who has been a strong supporter of the interests of rank-and-file union members on most issues, is opposed by a so-called Democrat who supported Richard Nixon for the presidency. If he survives the primary, which we confidently expect him to do, Brown faces the toughest fight of his political career in November — no matter who wins the GOP primary. Lieutenant Governor Glenn Anderson, also a solid and staunch friend of unions, faces two strong opponents in the primary and needs our help badly.

In addition to the other important statewide races, here in Alameda County we will have to work hard to elect Assemblyman W. Byron Rumford to one of the two State Senate seats we now have. Rumford has voted consistently for measures backed by labor and is also the author of the Fair Housing Act and other important legislation. Assemblyman Nicholas C. Petris, who is running for the other State Senate seat, gets a "free ride" in the primary but will need our support in November. Other primary candidates facing stiff fights who need our help now include Rod Duncan, a capable young attorney and former aide to Petris who is running for Petris' old seat in the 15th Assembly District, and Ed Ardzooni Jr., labor's choice in the 16th Assembly District.

Many friends need our help

Low wages in other parts of the nation and world are a problem for a good many California workers — especially if the products we make compete on the market with those made by low-wage workers elsewhere.

This is a threat which the Millmen and Steelworkers in in Alameda County — to name two widely-publicized cases — have tried to tackle through legislation.

P. L. (Roy) Siemiller, president of the Machinists, was in the Bay Area recently and noted that a recent per capita tax increase has enabled his union to step up organizing activities among non-union firms in its jurisdiction.

The organizing drive among engine rebuilding firms in low-wage areas is of particular interest to members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546. They have felt the pressure of competition from these non-union companies in their own negotiations. And the sales of auto engines rebuilt locally under union conditions are affected by cheap, low-wage competition.

Since a good many of the basic living costs—such as food, clothing and transportation —are comparable throughout the nation, a nationwide set of fair standards in each industry would appear to be the best solution which could be advanced by organized labor. This could be followed by coordinated bargaining in each industry.

Short of this, raising the federal minimum wage to a decent level — such as \$2 — would at least put a floor under this low-wage competition many of us suffer from. And this would exert upward pressure on wages in the low-wage firms in the South and elsewhere which compete with Bay Area firms.

What kind of no-strike pledge?

The Sacramento-Yolo Building Trades Council has voted unanimously to guarantee no labor difficulties if a \$375 million atomic energy plant is built in its area. This may appear to be a praiseworthy move, but it should be examined closely. Agreeing to mediation to prevent "wildcat" strikes during defense construction is one thing, especially if it helps bring a big project and many new jobs to an area. But unions should never sign away their right to strike completely, or willingly agree to any form of compulsory arbitration. If mediation fails, labor's ultimate weapon should always be there as a means of achieving economic justice.

'Time for This Year's Planting'



OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . . We Run 'Em!

PAINTER CRITIZES DOW WILSON STORY

Editor, Labor Journal:

I would expect the S.F. Examiner to smear the murdered union leader Dow Wilson — and they did. But it sickens me and thousands who knew Wilson as a dedicated union man that your paper should play running dog to such a tactic. When every paper in the area featured his brutal killing in headlines, yours offers an almost insignificant notation on April 8 and even then manages to insert two paragraphs of slanderous innuendo.

Let me quote your own words:

"He was the leader of a faction which split District Council 16 — including the East Bay — during difficult negotiations last year."

"He was brought up on charges by his international union later in the year but was cleared except for a reprimand."

Those are the last two paragraphs of your four paragraph notation. The first two, not repeated here, were factual data; these last two are a repetition of long repudiated lies. Every Bay Area Painter knows this. Why does not the editor of a reputed labor paper know it?

Dow Wilson's own union — Local 4 — supported him by a vote of 2100 to 300. The Bay Area agreement for which the Painters went on strike, and for which Dow Wilson fought openly, was supported by tremendous majorities in every Painters' local. Yet your article calls him "the leader of a faction."

During the strike, the one single man who gave every ounce of his energy and intelligence to consolidating the widespread membership was Dow Wilson. Yet your article states baldly that "he split District Council 16 . . . during difficult negotiations."

You stated that "he was brought up on charges . . . but cleared except for a reprimand." Surely you must know of that historic trial in which he repudiated his accusers and flung the charges back in their teeth. You never ever made note of this extraordinary labor trial and now in your pale remembrance of it, leave the impression that perhaps there may have been merit to the malignant allegations against him.

In our discussions, we Painters find it difficult to believe that you know nothing of gangsterism and brutality in the high bracket of the Painters International. The assassination of Dow Wilson is only the most recent culmination. The revolt led by him was

long overdue. Open encounter is now the order of the day. If your paper fears to portray the true story of this struggle, do not by innuendo betray it.

I join with thousands of other members of the labor movement in a deep and heartbreaking tribute to Dow Wilson, one of the most courageous and capable union men in recent history.

HAROLD W. WALTER,
Member, Hayward
Painters 1178

WHY TIRE BILL PASSED SENATE

Editor, Labor Journal:

On March 29, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed a tough tire safety bill to require all tires to come up to a reasonable standard of safety effective in January of next year.

If this bill passes the House, and millions of letters to congressman could insure it, this will be the first time the government has moved to protect the public in this field. The question is: Why did take so long?

Why, if everyone is for it, did it take 50 years, many billions of tires, and perhaps hundreds of thousands of lives and limbs, for Congress to act . . . then to move without opposition?

Consumers, all of us, should ponder this riddle, but I can give a hint now. Because the auto and tire industry is so shaken and the public is so shocked by the Ralph Nader scandal that for once, the immense lobbying machine maintained by the industry was unable to function.

It happened not because we, the consumer's were organized, but because the auto-tire industry was immobilized for a few weeks.

Ralph Nader's book "Unsafe at Any Speed" referring to the products of Detroit so threatened the industry that one company, General Motors, was caught doing an FBI type investigation of Nader, apparently looking for something in his past life that could be used to intimidate him.

For too long, all debate on legislation affecting products has been between competing producers or processors or distributors with never a word for, or from, the consumer who was going to buy the stuff.

The consumer is nearly as voiceless now as the working man before the days of unions. Like the working man, consumers can acquire a voice only by organizing.

BOB McLANE,
Executive Director, Association of California
Consumers

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UNIONIST SAYS HE'S AGAINST COHELAN

Editor, Labor Journal:

I have just finished reading your distorted article in support of Congressman Cohelan in the Labor Journal.

In the first place, Robert Scheer, who is Mr. Cohelan's opponent in the Democratic primary, does not represent the Vietnam Day Committee and has stated publicly that he doesn't care whether he gets its support.

Second, Mr. Cohelan did not take a position against escalation of the war and for negotiations until he realized that he was fighting for his political life.

It is true that he has been a congressman and, in a manner of speaking, a liberal. It is also true that he has been weak on the question of peace and nuclear testing before this and has been in trouble with his constituents before on this account. Several years ago, someone had to run against him in the primary before he could bring himself to stop talking of "peace nuts." If he were a more astute man, he would have realized what sort of a district he is representing. Furthermore, the war has demonstrated that there are two kinds of liberals and, to my way of thinking, the liberal who supports Mr. Johnson's war might as well be Barry Goldwater.

Mr. Cohelan's career points a failing that we too often find in former union men who gain public office. They simply don't have the necessary independent spirit. They spend too many years subservient to the higher echelons of leadership and have developed contempt for the rank-and-file. Contempt for the people who elect you doesn't always work too well when you move out of union life into a democratic society! Jack Shelly is the same way.

I believe that Mr. Johnson will go down in history as hated as Hoover and as contemptible as Harding, and with more justice. The fact that the labor movement has supported him in return for a few bones will be simply another nail in labor's coffin. This was reflected in Harry Bridges' recent remark to the effect that the unions lack "steam."

As for the Vietnam war, there are few issues that are black and white, but this is one of them. There is no justification whatsoever for the U.S. to have troops in Vietnam. We are killing our own people and the Vietnamese and laying waste to the country to support a completely immoral policy.

While Mr. Cohelan did, of course, come out of the ranks of local labor, his political career was launched by Berkeley liberals; and it is fitting that these are essentially the same people who are providing the impetus to end that career. It is to be hoped that other labor men and liberals in public office will learn from this the danger of trying to play both sides of the street.

I wish to state that I wholeheartedly endorse the action of those members who walked out of the CLC meeting in protest of the COPE endorsements.

Last, in regard to your own stand on the war, let me remind you that as you have made no effort to protest the actions of the Johnson Administration, you share the responsibility.

JOHN JENCKS,
Member, Berkeley
Carpenters 1158

HALF A FACT

Half a fact is a whole falsehood. — Elias L. Magoon.